GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLIGHT HOURS OF PAWAN HANS
ASHOK ARGAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of hours of flights operated by Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited (PHHL) during the last three years;

(b) the details of the spare parts purchased by the Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited for its helicopters during the last one year stating the price;

(c) the names of the companies from which these spare parts have been purchased;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints of corruption against any senior functionary of Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has flown 19206 hours, 19246 hours and 21043 hours during the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively.

(b) and (c):- PHHL purchased spare parts for Aero Engine Parts, Air Frame Parts, Avionics spares, Rotor Parts and Main Gear Box Spares for its Dauphin helcopters from M/s. Sofema (France), M/s. Kessler (USA), M/s. SPRO (Singapore) and M/s. Merlin Hawk (USA) at a total cost of Rs. 13,97,39,030/-, for its Bell helciopter from M/s. Bell H/cAsia (Singapore) and M/s. Aviall (Singapore) at a total cost of Rs. 2,74,78,315/-, for its Robinson helicopters from M/s. Robinson H/c Co. (USA) at a total cost of Rs. 24,17,633/-and for its Mi-172 helicopters from M/s. Avionexperts (Russia), M/s. Aviabaltika (Lithuania), M/s.Heisota (Lithuania), M/s. Aviaexport (Russia) and M/s. Aerazur (France) at a total cost of Rs. 9,03,25,070/-.

(d)and (e):- On 30.5.2001, Central Bureau of Investigation{CBI} had registered a preliminary enquiry against a GeneralManager (Engineering) and others unknown officers of PHHL toinvestigate (i) alleged irregularities in the matter of expenditure of Rs.3.00 crores in the repair of Bell VT-PHDhelicopter which got damaged in June, 1988 during a cyclone in Jam Nagar, Gujarat. The allegation was that M/s. Aerospace, Singapore was assigned the repair work in violation of tender procedure and at very high rate without even consulting the original manufacturer,
(ii) alleged irregularities in inviting tender and manipulation of transport contract for the said damaged helicopter. After preliminary enquiry the CBI have not found any irregularities in the allegation mentioned at
(i). As regards the allegation mentioned at
(ii), the CBI hasregistered on 31.10.2002 a regular case against a Senior Manager (Materials),PHHL,M/s. Fly Jac Forwarders & others to investiage the alleged irregulariites.